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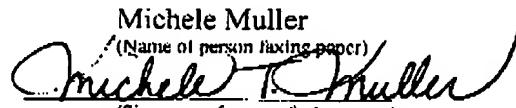
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Applicant : YANG Group Art Unit: 1773
Serial No.: 09/480,193 Examiner: N. J. Uhlir
Filed : 01/10/00
For : "Polymeric Articles Having a Textured Surface and Frosted Appearance"

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notices of non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 19, 2004, and September 23, 2004, and in response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2004 setting a three-month period to respond. Applicant's have now changed the status identifier in claim 1 from "presently amended" to "currently amended". No other changes have been made to the Amendment as filed on August 2, 2004, and no new matter has been added.

A 1-month extension of time is included based on the 1-month time period from the first Notice of Non-compliant amendment.

The following items were attached to the August 2, 2004 response, and are not attached again to this response:

- 1) A request and fee for a one month extension of time is attached.
- 2) A Beckman Coulter particle size analysis of Applicant's polymeric particles.
- 3) A Declaration entering comparative data and samples.
- 4) Dictionary Definitions of "opaque" and "frosted".
- 5) Fee transmittal form.
- 6) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and fee.